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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A composite lined closure for use with a container having a container neck crown, said composite lined closure comprising:

a top having a periphery and an underside;

a skirt depending downward from said periphery, said skirt including an inner surface and a locking bead radially extending inward from said skirt; and

a resilient seal liner extending along said underside, down said inner surface and to said sealing bead.

- 2. A closure according to claim 1, wherein said liner is formed of an elastomeric material.
- 3. A closure according to claim 2, wherein said liner is injection molded on said inner surface of said skirt.
- 4. A closure according to claim 2, wherein said cap is injection molded low-density polyethylene.
- 5. A closure according to claim 4, wherein said liner is injection molded on said inner surface of said skirt.
- 6. A closure according to claim 2, wherein said liner includes an arcuate inner surface.
- 7. A closure according to claim 6, wherein said arcuate inner surface is shaped to conform with the crown of a five-gallon water bottle.
- 8. A closure according to claim 6, wherein a lower portion of said arcuate inner surface extends radially inward allowing said arcuate surface to extend inwardly below the crown of a five-gallon water bottle when said closure is applied to the five-gallon water bottle.

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9. A closure according to claim 1, wherein said skirt includes a bottom edge, said closure further comprising a tear tab extending downward from said bottom edge and a pair of tear lines extending from said bottom edge, along said skirt and above said locking bead.

- 10. A closure according to claim 9, wherein said tear lines begin adjacent said tear tab, extend upwardly and diverge from one another below said locking bead.
- 11. A closure according to claim 10, wherein said tear lines form a tear strip therebetween, a lower portion of said tear strip being substantially the width of said tear tab while an upper portion of said teat strip is greater than twice the width of said tear tab.
- 12. A closure according to claim 11, wherein the width of said upper portion is approximately three times the width of said tear tab.